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Mr. Philip Allen Remedial Project Manager USEPA 1445 Ross Ave. Suite 1200 Dallas, TX 75202-2733

RE: Submittal of Draft Work Package II Work Plan

Request for Authorization to Conduct Field Activities

Patrick Bayou Superfund Site – Deer Park, TX

Dear Mr. Allen:

On behalf of the Patrick Bayou Joint Defense Group (JDG) and pursuant to the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent (AOC) for Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) at the Patrick Bayou Superfund Site in Deer Park, TX, attached please find two (2) copies of the Draft Work Plan for Work Package II. Work Package II work includes a hydraulic investigation of the Site, an upstream source evaluation and focused vertical profiling of potential contaminants within the sediment.

As we have discussed this letter will also serve to request authorization to proceed on the field portions of the work described in the draft Work Plan. This authorization will allow installation of instrumentation associated with the hydraulic study during an important time of year in terms of rain events. In addition, to best utilize the field crews completing this work, we also request authorization to conduct the upstream source evaluation and the vertical profiling described in the Work Package II Work Plan. The upstream source evaluation will include sampling of potential sources upstream of the Site. The vertical profiling will include sampling 16 stations within the Site.

All work will be conducted according to the methods and procedures outlined in the General Remedial Investigation Work Plan submitted to EPA on August 16, 2006 and the Work Package 2 Work Plan submitted herein. Should future review of these documents result in requests for changes to the methods and procedures utilized, the JDG and its contractors will attempt to accommodate these requests to the extent possible. It is our goal to begin this field work in mid-September 2006.

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We appreciate your continued support in continuing to move this project forward. A complete distribution list is attached. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 281-363-8733.

Sincerely,

s/R Piniewski

Robert Piniewski Project Coordinator

cc: Patrick Bayou JDG Attached list

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